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State Route 52 (SR-125 to SR-67)



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OVERALL GOALS

- Reduce traffic congestion on I-8 and local arterials
- Increase traffic capacity of the regional transportation system
- Provide direct access between East County communities and job centers to the west and north
- Major link in regional transportation network, known as the inner-loop, which consists of SR-52 to SR-I25 to SR-54 back to I-5

■ THE PROJECT

The project will construct three miles of four-lane freeway in the City of Santee from SR-125 to SR-67. It will include new roadway, bridges, and interchanges at Fanita Drive, Cuyamaca Street and Magnolia Avenue. Currently SR-52 terminates at SR-125. This extension to the east completes the last segment of the proposed route.

TRAFFIC

The completion of SR-52 to SR-67 is critical in that it provides an important link in regional traffic circulation plans. By the year 2025, the segment will carry approximately 110,000 vehicles a day. It will also reduce some of the heavy traffic burden now carried by adjacent local roads.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The environmental clearance was addressed as part of the EIS prepared and approved for the corridor in 1989. Caltrans will prepare an environmental re-evaluation of the project to ensure the there are no new significant issues.

FUNDING

The current cost estimate for the project is \$447 million. The right of way portion of that estimate is approximately \$226 million. Programmed funding comes from a number of Federal, State and local sources.

State Route 52 is one of the projects identified for funding in the TransNet extension that was recently approved by the voters. The SANDAG board has also identified this as one of the region's TransNet Early Action Projects and a priority for early funding.

SCHEDULE

Right of way acquisition for the portion from SR-125 to Cuyamaca Street has been completed. Acquisition of the required parcels between Cuyamca Street and SR-67 is now underway.

Caltrans expects to begin construction on the first stages of the project in the fall of 2007. The project should be completed and open to traffic in late 2010.

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